In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1-29 (Cancelled)

30. (Cancelled)

31. (Cancelled)

32. (Cancelled)

33. (previously presented) A method for manufacturing a blood delivery conduit for use in placing a target vessel of a patient's vascular system in fluid communication with a source of blood, the method comprising steps of:

(a) providing first and second hollow members each of which has a lumen;

(b) forming an opening that extends into the lumen of the first hollow member;

(c) positioning one of the first and second ends of the second hollow member adjacent the opening in the first hollow member; and

(d) joining the one end of the second hollow member to the first hollow member with the lumens of the first and second hollow members sealed together in fluid communication.

34. (previously presented) The method of claim 33, wherein the first and second hollow members are formed of a synthetic vascular graft material selected from the group consisting of polytetrafluoroethylene, expanded polytetrafluoroethylene, Dacron (polyethylene terephthalate) and polyurethane (polyester and polycarbonate types).

35. (previously presented) The method of claim 34, further comprising providing the first and second hollow members with a support structure to add rigidity to the members.

36. (previously presented) The method of claim 35, wherein the support structure comprises a coating disposed on at least one of the first and second hollow members.

37. (previously presented) The method of claim 33, wherein each of the first and second hollow members has first and second ends, and the opening is located between the first and second ends of the first hollow member.